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Reason on the bridge => Junior Officer of the Deck

The most unusual part of this Sea & Anchor Detail was the pilot. In contrast with most pilots he was very argumentative. Right away the CO & the pilot argued over which side would be moored to the pier. CO wanted starboard side to the pier while the pilot was very plain in stating ~~that~~ that we would moor port side to. After several discussions he gave in to the CO. His original argument was that COLE's re-fueling stations wouldn't allow us stbd side to with the merchants in front of us but the USS COOK had just moored stbd side to ~~the~~ when they were here.

Other things about the pilot were he seemed to be very nervous and walked and paced the bridge. On the bridge wing he got very upset when line #1 was not fed through the bullnose and ready to go the instant we got alongside the pier. Several times he was yelling off the bridge wing at the Yemen men on the pier when they didn't get lines into their boats quickly enough.

After lines were across and we were making our final adjustments, the pilot was ready to go. He did not want to wait until we were completely secured to the pier. He quickly left the bridge.

One other thing that happened earlier was that we were transiting the channel at 5 knots and he wanted more speed. Twice he told the CO "more speed" and "we ~~will~~ will not pierside before noon at this speed" (somewhat in a joking manner).